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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY (Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

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Box No. I Basis of the report

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1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

the international application in the language in which it was filed
 a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))
 publication of the international application (Rule 12.4(a))
 international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

the international application as originally filed/furnished
 the description:
 pages 1 - 6 as originally filed/furnished
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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 the claims:
 pages 8 as originally filed/furnished
 pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
 pages* 7 received by this Authority on 18 - 01 - 2006
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 the drawings:
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 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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the description, pages _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1 - 13</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1 - 13</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1 - 13</u>	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)**Documents cited in the International Search Report:**

D1: GB 2236099 A
D2: US 5236120 A
D3: GB 719404 A
D4: GB 1126292 A
D5: WO 03068613 A1

The cited documents represent the general state of the art.
The invention defined in claims 1-13 is not disclosed by any of these documents.

The cited prior art does not give any indication that would lead a person skilled in the art to the claimed cup package. Therefore, the claimed invention is not obvious to a person skilled in the art.

Accordingly, the invention defined in claims 1-13 is novel and is considered to involve an inventive step. The invention is industrially applicable.

Claims

1. A cup package made of a fibre-based material, comprising a cup (1) containing a packaged product (2) and a lid (6) closing the mouth of the cup, both the cup and the lid being **characterised** in that the cup (1) comprises a mantle (3) bent downward at the mouth (4) of the cup to form a collar (5) diverging from the mantle, and in that the lid (6) has a downwardly oriented rim (8), at which the lid is fixed to the collar by heat sealing.
- 10 2. A package as defined in claim 1, **characterised** in that the mantle (3) of the cup (1) is enlarged conically upwardly.
- 15 3. A package as defined in claim 1 or 2, **characterised** in that the cup collar (5) and the lid rim (8) are enlarged conically downwardly.
- 20 4. A package as defined in any of the preceding claims, **characterised** in that the cup (1) is made from polymer-coated board (15) with at least the inner surface of the cup mantle (3) and the outer surface of the collar (5) being polymer coated.
- 25 5. A package as defined in any of the preceding claims, **characterised** in that the lid (6) has been formed of a polymer-coated board (15) with at least the inner surface of the lid being polymer-coated.
- 30 6. A package as defined in claims 4 and 5, **characterised** in that the polymer coating of the board (15) comprises an inner oxygen barrier layer (16) and an outer heat-sealing layer (17).
- 35 7. A package as defined in any of the preceding claims, **characterised** in that the lid (6) comprises at its centre a recess (14) defined by a conical surface (13) and nested with the cup (1) so that the friction and/or compression between the cup mantle (3) and the opposite conical surfaces of the lid recess retain the lid in position in the reclosed package.
8. A package as defined in any of the preceding claims, **characterised** in that a recess (14) has been formed at the centre of the lid (6) for receiving the bottom of the package on top as the packages are piled.